GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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KIDNEY DISEASE
BRAHMANAND MANDAL;SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the attention of the government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Kidney disease on the rise in Delhi` appearing in the Statesman of October 20, 2002;

(b) the number of patients suffering from Kidney disease is increasing in the various hospitals in the capital and in the country are not providing special care to them;

(c) the number of doctors available for the treatment of persons suffering from kidney disease;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(e): Yes, Sir. It is observed in an assessment by All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) that the number of patients suffering from kidney disease is increasing in various hospitals in the capital as well as in the country. Nearly 750 doctors having Nephrology degree/experience are managing patients of kidney disease in the country. In addition, there are many physicians in the country who are managing diseases like diabetes, hypertension and renal stones etc., which are common causes of chronic kidney disease. There are facilities for free diagnosis and treatment at AIIMS, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital, Lady Harding Medical College and Associate Hospitals and other Government Hospitals in the country.Moreover, financial assistance is provided under National Illness Assistance Fund to poor patients for treatment, inter-alia, of kidney disease.